Kisan Seva Kendras at IOC outlets

†3000. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. is considering to set retain outlets namely 'Kisan Seva Kendras' in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such retail outlets proposed to be set-up during the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Oil Coporation Limited (IOC) have initiated steps to set up low-cost retain outlets in rural areas under the name 'Kisan Seva Kendra'. They plan to develop around 1,010 such outlets throughout the country during the current year 2005-06. However, the settting up of these outlets, as also State-wise allocation, will depend on various factors like availability of land, viability of locations, obtaining statutory approvals, etc. Besides supplying diesel and other petroleum products, these outlets are proposed to provide for non-oil facilities like the sale of fertilizer, seeds, pesticide, items of daily need like flour, soap, etc., and facilities like banking, internet kiosk, communications facilities, etc.

Sale of adulterated petrol in Delhi

3001. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETORLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that adulteration of petrol and diesel is taking place on a massive scale in the capital;

(b) whether this is done in connivance with the officials of IOC and HPCL; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any stringent action against the petrol pumps and if so, the penalty imposed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The possibility of adulteration of petrol/

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